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SUBJECT:GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ARTS

REF: MOSCOW 1119 AND 2191

1. IN ORDER PLACE KOKHNO, IIE NEEDS ASSURANCE THAT HIS ENGLISH IS ADEQUATE FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAM AS WELL AS CURRENT INFORMATION ON LENGTH OF STAY DESIRED.

IIE UNDERSTANDIBLY CONCERNED RE LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS SINCE IN HIS APPLICATION KOKHNO RATES HIMSELF ONLY AS "FAIR" AND CITES AS ENGLISH TRAINING, "ONE YEAR - WITHOUT ASSISTANCE AND IN PRIVATE LESSONS." IN ADDITION, KOKHNO'S SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET SAYS HE "KNOWS ENGLISH AND GERMAN AND TRANSLATES WITH A DICTIONARY."

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2' IIE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBASSY ADMINISTER ALIGU TEST, BUT WE HAVE EXPLAINED THIS IS NEITHER PRACTICAL NOR DESIRABLE. AS ALTERNATIVE, CAN EMBASSY SATISFY ITSELF THAT KOKHNO'S ENGLISH IS IN FACT ADEQUATE FOR A UNIVERSITY PROGRAM?
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GRAM? READING AND TRANSLATING WITH DICTIONARY WOULD NOT

SUFFICE.

3. IIE IS CONFIDENT IF CAN PLACE KOKHNO ON SHORT NOTICE FOR
PERIOD OF UP TO NINE MINTHS IF, BUT ONLY IF, HIS ENGLISH IS

ADEQUATE. INGERSOLL

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